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E.O. 11652: N/A TAGS: ETRD MTN

SUBJECT: EC AGRICULTURAL NOTIFICATIONS

REF: EC BRUSSELS 02402

1. EC DELEGATION HAS NOT YET APPROACHED US TO TRY TO WORK OUT A SCENARIO TO DEAL WITH THE COMMISSION'S COMPLAINT. MTN DEL IS OPPOSED TO THE SUGGESTION THAT WE IGNORE THE EC'S COMPLAINT SINCE THIS WOULD IMPLY WE ARE GUILTY AS CHARGED. WE BELIEVE THE ONLY WAY TO HEAD OFF A FRUIT-LESS AND POTENTIALLY ACRIMONIOUS DEBATE IN GROUP AGRICULTURE WOUL BE FOR US TO CIRCULATE A BRIEF NOTE SAYING WE DISAGREE WITH EC (SEE PROPOSED TEXT PARA 2 BELOW). WE COULD THEN SUGGEST PRIVATELY TO CHAIRMAN PATTERSON THAT AT THE GROUP AGRICULTURE MEETING HE COULD NOT EC AND U.S. DELS HAVE CIRCULATED BRIEF MEMORANDA ABOUT THEIR LONG-STANDING DIFFERENCES OF INTERPRETATION REGARDING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CERTAIN PROCEDURAL POINTS AND HE AS CHAIRMAN WONDERS IF IT WOULDN'T BE BEST TO LEAVE IT AT THAT. BOTH U.S. AND EC DELS COULD THEN BE SILENT BECAUSE BOTH POSITIONS ARE ON RECORD AND FULLY PROTECTED.

2. PROPOSED TEXT OF U.S. DEL NOTE FOR CIRCULATION TO ALL MTN PARTICIPANTS IS AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT

THE UNITED STATES HAS NOTED THE COMMUNICATION OF THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY (MTN/AG/W/18) AND CONSIDERS IT TO BE ERRONEOUS. THE UNITED STATES NOTIFICATIONS REFERRED TO IN THAT COMMUNICATION ARE ENTIRELY CONSISTENT WITH DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE AND OTHER GROUPS. THE U.S. BELIEVES THAT PROTRACTED DISCUSSION OF PROCEDURAL NUANCES AT THIS STAGE WOULD BE UNHELPFUL AND THAT NO PURPOSE WOULD BE SERVED BY DISCUSSING THIS MATTER IN THE FORTHCOMING MEETING OF GROUP AGRICULTURE. END TEXT

3. APPROVAL OF FOREGOING PROPOSAL REQUESTED BY IMMEDIATE RETURN CABLE TODAY OR AT LATEST TOMORROW. WE SHOULD ACT ON THIS PRIOR TO MEETING OF KEY DELS IN PATTERSON'S OFFICE AT 9:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16. WALKER

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